

Special Meeting  
January 27, 2003

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met jointly with the Edenton Town Council, the Chowan County Planning Board, the Edenton Planning Board, and other interested citizens, in special session on Monday, January 27, 2003 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Present: Jimmy Alligood, Louis Belfield, Ralph Cole, Jerry Downum, George Jones, Harry Lee Winslow.  
Absent: Wayne Goodwin.

This joint meeting was conducted to present information on a proposed greenway plan for Chowan County and Edenton.

Planner Chad Sary moderated the meeting and Chuck Flink, representing Greenways, Inc., presented information, including maps of Chowan County, to describe possible options in the development of a greenway in Chowan County.

A CAMA grant of \$15,000, a cash contribution from Chowan County of \$12,000 and an in-kind match from the County of \$5,000, will fund the study.

Open discussion included comments on the positive effects to be received in terms of economics to the community and healthy alternatives for the public. Mr. Flink presented examples from other communities of increased tourism, industrial recruitment, business increases and expansions and particularly the opportunities for physical exercise through walking, biking and other enhanced facilities.

Mr. Flink was very complimentary of the downtown atmosphere in place and the many resources available in the County for incorporation into such a proposed plan, including the waterways, historic sites preserved, and parks and other recreational facilities.

Possible funding sources were discussed. It was suggested that a good plan be determined and possible sources of funding could be identified as the project moves forward.

Other public meetings will be scheduled and the plan is expected to be completed in May 2003.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Morgan, County Clerk